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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: SHUM, SOCI, PINS, SF
SUBJ: CROSSROADS: HUNDREDS ARRESTED IN NIGHT RAID

REF: CAPE TOWN 1421 AND PREVIOUS

1. SEVERAL HUNDRED UNIFORMED AND PLAIN CLOTHED POLICE
RAIDED THE CROSSROADS SQUATTER CAMP OUTSIDE CAPE TOWN
SHORTLY BEFORE MIDNIGHT TODAY. WHEN THE RAID ENDED
AT DAWN, APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED MEN AND WOMEN HAD
BEEN ARRESTED FOR BEING IN WESTERN CAPE ILLEGALLY.

2. THROUGHOUT THE DAY THE ARRESTED MEN AND WOMEN,
LARGELY FROM THE TRANSKEI, HAVE BEEN PARADED INTO
COURT, WHERE THEY'VE BEEN FINED AND "ENDORSED" OUT OF THE
AREA. BLACK SASH IS IN SOME CASES ASSISTING WITH LEGAL
REPRESENTATION, WHILE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE HELPING WITH
CHILDREN, REPORTEDLY LEFT BEHIND WHEN THEIR PARENTS
WERE ARRESTED.

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3. WHILE NUMBER REPORTEDLY ARRESTED IS UNUSUALLY LARGE,
IT REPRESENTS ONLY SMALL FRACTION OF "ILLEGALS" RESIDENT
CROSSROADS. MAIN PURPOSE OF THE RAID, JUDGING FROM LARGE
NUMBERS OF POLICE AND METHODS USED (KICKING IN DOORS,
CONFISCATING OF KNIVES, AXES, AND SCISSORS) SEEMS TO HAVE
BEEN INTIMIDATION. TOGETHER WITH EARLIER SERVING OF
NOTICES ON CAMP'S LEGAL RESIDENTS, THIS RAID CONSTITUTES

MAJOR ESCALATION OF SAG PRESSURE TO ERADICATE CROSSROADS.

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